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ARMED SOVIET GUARDS STOP BRITISH TROOP-CARRYING CARS

New Russian Restrictions

Vienna, Apr. 11.—Soviet guards, armed with tommy-guns, stopped all cars carrying British troops today along the 100-mile zonal corridor from the British Zone of Austria to Vienna. The troops were stopped at the Soviet check point at the Semmering Pass in Austria's main route to the south.

Major General T. J. Winterton, the British Deputy Commissioner, was, however, allowed to pass through the corridor, after being held up for an hour. The British authorities are taking up the situation immediately with General Vladimir Kurasov, the Soviet High Commissioner.

The "big" powers wartime Advisory Commission agreed on free access to their Zones from Russian-encircled Vienna, and the four-power agreement, reached two and a half years ago, instituted a grey pass in four languages as the only permit necessary for such transit.

The Russians are now insisting on passports or identity cards with photographs for military personnel. The British authorities have agreed that Russian guards may examine the passports or identity cards of civilian personnel but will not permit this for military members of the Commission.

General Winterton arrived at the Soviet check point on his way back to Vienna from the British Zone to find four cars with their military occupants halted.

After satisfying himself that all of them were as properly documented as himself with the grey pass, he ordered to go away for the occupants of all the cars and asked the Soviet guard to contact his superior.

During the past week, there have been a number of minor incidents over military trains from Vienna to the Soviet Zone, but so far there has been no delay.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN DEMAND

Berlin, Apr. 11.—The Soviet authorities in Germany tonight announced another restriction on Allied communications between Berlin and the Western Zones by demanding the closure of the two British and American automobile stations on the 100-mile Berlin-Helmstedt Autobahn across the Soviet Zone to the British.

The Russians, however, would allow two stations in their places to render technical assistance and service cars against a cash payment. It was officially stated.

American sources confirmed that the American station would be closed before April 30 and that the American military consular chief, Lieutenant Colonel Robert C. Works, had been instructed to comply with the Russian request.

The British reply to the Russian demand has not yet been made public, but it is believed that since the circumstances are identical, the British outpost will also have to close down.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

An official British statement said tonight: "In 1946, an agreement was made with the Soviet authorities to set up a British aid station on the Berlin-Helmstedt Autobahn to give technical assistance to vehicles during the winter."

The Soviet authorities have now asked that, with the conclusion of winter, the aid stations be closed."

Lack of reliable service stations on the lonely, 100-mile Autobahn might force British, American, French and other non-Russian vehicles to travel in convoys, users of the road said.

The British station deals with some six breakdowns daily, an official said.

Except for modern American cars used by American officials and families, most passenger cars used by occupation personnel in Germany are pre-war German vehicles, dilapidated after many years of service, and few can be considered dependable enough to make the Russian zonal crossing without trouble.

"SHREWD TWIST"

Although the agreement under which the outpost was allowed to open provided for their functioning during the winter months only, they have been in existence two years, and the Russians have never previously asked that they be discontinued during the summer.

The Russian demand is seen here as another shrewd twist in the process of strangling Berlin's contacts with the Western world, which has already cut off Allied rail passenger traffic and promises, after next Thursday, to offer a most serious threat to telephone and telegraph communications.

Today's move showed Saturday's Russian refusal to renew passes, expiring on Thursday, for British and American telegraph and telephone maintenance men at repeater stations in the Soviet zone supervising cables running from Berlin to the West.

The American authorities were last night reported to have sent a formal protest about this refusal. British posts and telecommunications officials have asked the Russians to reconsider their decision not to allow maintenance squads in the Russian Zone after April 15, and Major General V. F. E. Westropp, the British Deputy Chief of Staff, was expected to make a formal protest.

Major General F. Hays, the United States Deputy Military Governor, refused to comment on the report that he had formally protested to the Russians. "When a reply is received, I shall be willing to discuss the matter," he said.

EXISTING COMMUNICATIONS
The present position of the main means of communications is:
1.—Railways. All Allied passenger trains to and from Berlin have been suspended since April 1 as a result of the new Soviet traffic regulations. Goods' traffic into Berlin is fairly normal.

2.—Roads. Passenger cars were still running normally today, though Russian sentries outside Berlin and on the zonal border were checking all passengers carefully to see that they had Russian translations of their identification documents. Passengers without the Russian language forms were turned back.

3.—Telecommunications. The abolition of Anglo-American maintenance of cables to the West, which will come into effect on April 15, is likely to mean that telephone and cable communication, not only with (Continued on Page 8)

Cyclonic Storm Hits Australia

Melbourne, Apr. 11.—Loss of life was feared in a cyclonic storm which swept the South Australian coast today, driving the 1,400-ton Royal Australian Navy frigate Barcoo ashore.

The ship's company were not in danger but winds and heavy seas were preventing two tugs from refloating the vessel.

Extensive damage to other shipping and to inland property was reported.

In Victoria, torrential rains—more than three inches—put out bush fires which have been raging for four days in the Dandenong Range, about 40 miles from Melbourne, and the end of the long dry spell helped the wheat and pasture crops.—Reuter.

Violence Marks Italian Election Campaign

REDS PLAN STRIKE FOR TODAY

Rome, Apr. 11.—The death toll in Italy's campaign for the April 18 elections rose to 13 today as the Communists entered the final critical week with plans to flaunt their strength through their efforts to impress or intimidate the voters.

Restrictions Stop Moves To Hongkong

Shanghai, Apr. 12.—Although several factories and companies here intend to move to Hongkong and South China, not many of them have been permitted to do so on account of restrictions in those places, according to the China Press, quoting informed sources.

In addition to restrictive measures taken by the authorities in the south to limit the number of incoming firms, problems of transportation and housing are also handicapping efforts of local industrialists and businessmen.

Dozens of letters of application asking for permission to establish branches in South China, it is reported, have been filed with Nanking by local firms and factories. Only a few of them, however, have been accepted and approved, the same sources are quoted as stating.

Meanwhile, a number of merchants and manufacturers here have remitted appreciable amounts of surplus capital to Canton and Hongkong with the reported aim of establishing new but actually "United" companies and mills in those two places.

The majority of these traders, besides being tired of continued importations, power shortages and high cost of labour, are worried over the security of Shanghai, the China Press said.

Representatives of Shanghai business circles proceeded to Nanking during the week-end to petition the Central Government for a reduction of the business turnover income tax. The Government recently increased the said tax several times, but local businessmen have announced that they could not afford to pay.—Reuter.

RECORD OUTPUT OF STEEL

London, Apr. 11.—The steel industry broke its output records last month, producing at the equivalent of an annual rate of 15,117,000 tons, it was announced today.

The March output also helped to set a record for production during the first quarter of this year, which was running at an annual rate of 14,933,000 tons.

The Government's target for this year is 14,000,000 tons.

Fig iron production also rose last month, reaching an annual rate of 9,303,000 tons, but it was stated, this was not sufficient to meet the current drain on stocks.—Reuter.

Jewish Agency Accepts Cunningham's Call For "Cease Fire" Truce

No Arab Decision Announced

Jerusalem, Apr. 11.—The Jewish Agency Executive was tonight understood to have accepted the "cease fire" call for a truce made by General Sir Alan Cunningham, the High Commissioner for Palestine eight days ago, reliable sources here said.

The report of the acceptance came a few hours after last night's shelling of three suburbs of Jerusalem by Arab artillery, firing from a point near Kastel village, five miles west of Jerusalem, as the Arab "Liberation Army" tightened the blockade of the roads connecting the Holy City with the coast.

General Sir Alan Cunningham, in a broadcast on April 3, called on both Jews and Arabs to consider what possible good could come from a continuance of violence and asked them to comply with the United Nations Security Council resolution to cease such acts.

The Jewish Agency reply is now in his hands.

The Arab Higher Committee, according to Arab sources, is still considering the appeal, as it has been referred to the Political Committee of the Arab League now sitting in Cairo.

There was a new development in Palestine's growing communication problems today when it was officially announced that rail and passenger services between Jerusalem and Egypt had been suspended today until further notice.

No explanation was given for the suspension. Twice the crack Cairo-Haifa express has been derailed by mines on the track in the past six months, the first time on February 29, near Lydda Junction, when 28 British soldiers were killed and 42 injured, and the second time near Benyamina, on March 31, when 40 persons, mostly Arabs, were killed and 60 injured.

KASTEL OPERATIONS
The operations in the bitterly-contested Kastel area five miles west of Jerusalem continued today when Haganah forces raided the Arab village of Calunin, near Kastel, and withdrew after blowing up some houses.

A Jewish Agency spokesman said there were no Haganah casualties, and he was not aware of any Arab casualties.

The spokesman alleged that 1,270 Syrians, Iraqis and Egyptians had been "displaced" to the "unhindered" and were dispersed in the Galilee area in the north and in the southern desert area.

The area of Deir Yassin village, about three miles west of Jerusalem, wiped out by Irgun Zvi Leumi terrorists in a night raid on Friday, is still under fire from both Arabs and Jews.

Dr Jacques Reynier, the International Red Cross representative, visited the village today and said there were about 200 dead Arabs there. Some 150 bodies had been dumped in an empty well just outside the village but could not be removed because of the firing still going on.

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WITNESSES said the slayer was Amterboli Boddelli, unknown Communist who is still at large.

The Communist-dominated Labour Confederation set up final plans for a nationwide strike on Monday by its 6,000,000 workers to protest against the murders of 36 leftist labour leaders in Sicily.

The strike is to last one hour excluding only vital public services.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE
The Communists also scheduled a national conference on Wednesday of representatives of Italy's estimated 2,000,000 unemployed to attack the government policy and to call a strike of all hired forehands in Gorizia and Udine provinces on Saturday to protest against low wages.

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Jewish terrorists yesterday offered Red Cross officials safe conduct to bring back the bodies, and the officials had to wait for the Arab Higher Committee to decide whether it will accept the Red Cross offer to bring the dead Arabs to the British security Zone entrance outside the Jewish Agency building in King George Avenue, Jerusalem.

"MASSACRE OF INNOCENTS"
The Arab Higher Committee announced tonight that the bodies would be left in the village well into which they had been dumped after being massacred.

Dr Hussein Khalidi, Secretary of the Palestine Arab Higher Committee, referred to the "massacre of innocents" and accused the Jewish Agency of obstructing Dr Reynier from going back to the village yesterday because they did not want him to see the mutilated bodies and wanted time to "clean up."

Khalidi said guns and grenades of Irgun and Stern Gang terrorists attacked the sleeping village at dawn on Friday and exterminated women, children and old men.

He charged the Jews with refusing to allow an Imam to recite prayers for the dead over the mass graves in the village. All efforts to get the British authorities—civil and military—to go to Deir Yassin after the massacre were turned down, Dr Khalidi asserted.

He intended to bring this attitude of the British officials to the notice of the British Government and the United Nations, he added.

BITTER CONDEMNATION
His denunciation of the Jewish "butchers" was joined with a bitter condemnation of the Palestine Government, the Palestine police and the British Army authorities' indifference to the Deir Yassin massacre.

Dr Khalidi said he intended to arouse the attention of the entire world—Christian, Arab and Moslem—over this incident.

He has already informed King Abdullah of Transjordan and the full facts would be placed before the Arab rulers, he added.

The Jewish Agency, in expressing "horror and disgust" at the massacre, appealed tonight to all parties in Palestine to conduct the present contest "in accordance with the rules of civilised warfare."—Reuter.

COALITION GOVT. FOR COLOMBIA

Bogota, Apr. 11.—A new Coalition Government of Colombia under the President, Dr Mariano Ospina Perez, took office here today, and delegates to the 12-nation Pan-American Conference met at the Honduras Embassy to discuss whether their talks are to continue.

The new Government includes six members of the Leftwing Liberal Opposition Party, whose adherents carried out the revolt which disrupted the Conference on Friday, when their leader, Dr Jorge Eleicer Gaitan, was reported to have been assassinated.

The new Government immediately declared a state of siege until the country returns to normal, but issued a communique saying that there was "complete order in the capital."

The revolution appears to be beaten, although there are occasional bursts of gunfire. The Army is attempting to stamp out snipers' nests in various sections of the capital.

Conditions are so serious, however, that the Government was still unwilling to lift the censorship and permit correspondents to tell the full story of the revolt.

The director of the Bogota mortuary told newsmen today that already 300 dead had been counted. A reporter stationed outside the Presidential Guard barracks said two officers and six soldiers were killed and 22 soldiers wounded in defending the Palace, where the President is living.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Fateful Elections

WHETHER Italy remains one of the 16 European nations pledged to democracy and freedom, or whether she becomes another victim of Moscow's westward expansion movement holds the attention of the rest of the world this week. Next Sunday Italians will go to the polls to vote in what De Gasperi promises will be wholly free elections. If that assurance can be honoured in full it is fairly certain that the Moderates will obtain a sufficient vote to enable them to form a Government wholly free of Communist influence. On the other hand, if the Reds can indulge in their familiar practice of intimidation and bribery they may succeed in capturing enough seats to make it impossible for Gasperi to form a new Cabinet. To win their objective the Communists would not have to obtain an outright majority. Backed by a minority vote of 45 percent they would be well placed for another Czechoslovakia coup. To the United States, as sponsor of Western European unity against Soviet encroachment, next Sunday's Italian elections have a special meaning. A left wing victory, even if not decisive, will be regarded as a serious reverse to the implementation of the Marshall Plan, as well as a grave military threat to the Mediterranean and the Middle East. For Washington's peace of mind De Gasperi must be returned to power with a thumping majority that will eliminate the Communist threat long enough to guarantee consolidation of the West European union and the establishment of forward military bases. Now if she were faced with the same problem on her own soil could the United States take a more active interest in national

elections than she is in Italy's polling day. As a high level strategical manoeuvre she instigated the proposition, backed by Britain and France, for the return of Trieste to the Italians. Perfectly timed, it has evoked a dramatic reaction which may do more than anything else to beat back the Communists at the polls. She has played a second ace card by letting it be known that should the Italians allow themselves to become Moscow satellites they will forfeit economic, financial and military aid under the European Recovery Programme—and Italy cannot afford to put herself in such a position. Another American influence, not to be discounted, is the personal canvassing being carried out by United States citizens among relatives and friends in Italy—a type of appeal capable of winning many votes. American interest in the Italian elections is virtually a campaign, which, at the polls at least, seems likely to succeed. The really dangerous period, however, lies between the voting and the election of a President and the appointment of a Premier. The real test of Italian political stability will come then, for, it is safe to expect that the Communists, if defeated at the polls, will attempt a minority coup calculated to reverse the election result. To achieve such a coup they will require defection by the Government's armed forces, police and "key" officials, and it is impossible to estimate from this distance the degree of loyalty which can be expected if and when the test is made. The Italian elections, and the fortnight immediately following, will be critical as much for the rest of the world as it will be for Italy.

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WOMANSENSE

Details of British designers' spring fashion collections, made public across the ultra-feminine line, says PATRICIA LENNARD

WOMEN PLUS

TO Look New or not: that question has occupied most of the British couturiers presenting their spring collections. Nearly every designer included ultra-feminine fashions; only a few retained the short-skirted tailored line.

Individualist Helena Giffers, however, pursues her tubular silhouette. The suit (left) in dark grey and white herringbone worked, with white pique revers, is worn with a white pique blouse and hat; note touch of colour in the "shocking pink" silk umbrella.

IN their ultra-feminine collection, Rahvis bring up to date the Old Fashioned Look in their black grosgrain cocktail dress (centre). Here, the skirt is near ankle-length, shoulders rounded off in a fichu that crosses at the back and finally ties round the waist. Pockets, hemline, darts, choker—and Victorian bonnet—are all bobble-edged.

MATTLI combines the wisp-waist, curves and longer skirt of the Feminine Look with the practical wearability of fine grey wool in the white-collared day frock (right) with grey bolero.

... and the tent-topper

ONE of the best travel coats this season—a narrow-shouldered voluminously-skirted "tent-topper" (below)—was designed by Michael Sherard, to be worn with a matching draped hat. In smooth camel wool, it buttons diagonally to the hem in front, with a simulated diagonally buttoned fastening across the back and along the sleeve seams.



Don't Use Endearing Names When You're Cross or Angry

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

WORDS are not what they seem to be. For instance, parents often use words of endearment in addressing each other and their children, as Dear, My Dear, Dearie, Honey, Sweetheart. Usually these names began as expressions of genuine affection. But they tend to become so mechanized as to be used always, especially in private, to address other members of the family.

Now, as practically every wife, husband, mother or father sometimes feels and expresses vexation toward the other spouse or child the endearing word may—of all things—be used then. Thus the same name is employed in anger as in love-fulness, in rebuke as in approval, in cursing as in blessing. Yet always the tone reveals the true meaning. And in the course of a day this true meaning may come from an ugly, angry heart even more often than from a tender, lovely heart.

Then what may happen to the quality of endearment in the name? Any name once associated only with affection can thus lose all its former loveliness. Don't you believe we should reserve all endearing names for moments when they will be used and understood as such?

Similar Psychology

There is a similar psychology revealed in what ever so many mothers write and say about their unsuccessful efforts at dealing with some problems of the child's behaviour, expressed in such ways as these: "I've tried reasoning, explaining, approving, rewarding, bribing, coaxing, cajoling, shaming, ridiculing, spanking, threatening, sending to bed, sitting in chair—nearly everything I have ever heard about, but all in vain."

As you can see, some of these ways appeal through pleasure, some through pain; some through rewards, some through punishments. But as several of them were employed about the same problem, sometimes one right after the other in relation to the same incident, they all tended to take on the nature of pain.

Quiet Talking

When, moreover, quiet talking, reasoning or approvals failed the mother being annoyed at her failure, was inclined to turn right away to rebukes and punishments. Then after one punishment seemed to fail another was immediately tried, and so on. Having memories, the child "reasoned with" must have often figured that anger, rebuke and other punishments would follow anyway. Then how could he be expected to respond to the persuasive ways? Even persuasive words may have turned in tone to angry "reasoning" or jawing.

Incidentally, most cases in which "everything was tried" are clearly not punishable cases at all. Perhaps for one such case requiring punishment there are a hundred not, but needing a long constructive programme at self-discipline by the parent. But if you are sure the case is one for punishment, work out carefully a procedure you will follow to the letter without exception for a good long while.

Where most parents are weak is in complex problems involving all sorts of emotions and the need of working hard on themselves, as with eating and elimination problems, or with such problems as nervous habits, habit spasms and the like. Anyway, why worry your child and yourself with your wobbling?

The Rustle Of Spring



Black taffeta afternoon dress.

BY GRACE THORNCLIFFE

TAFFETA is the big news this Spring and its rustle is heard from morn to dawn, since it is used in house robes and dance dresses as well as suits and afternoon frocks. Black taffeta is the material used for this dress with a sleek, form-fitting basque top. Three corded bands, take an upsweep curve in front, with the fabric gathered between the rows. The skirt is fully flared from the corded detail. A simple turn-back collar finishes the V neckline and gives a very new look, as do the short, loose sleeves.

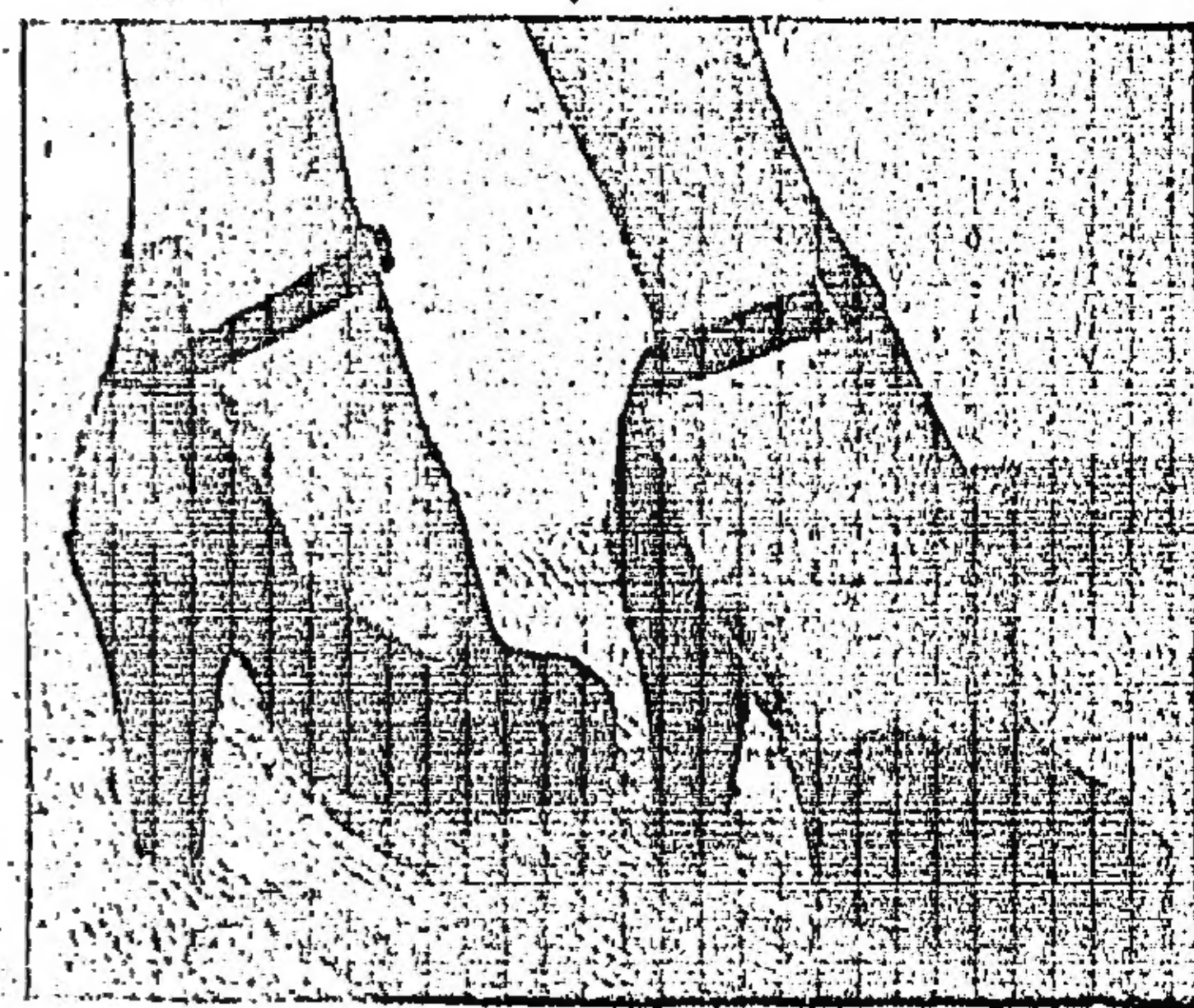
RED RYDER

Business Booms

By Fred Harman



Buying a New Pair of Shoes



Especially suitable for dress wear are these sophisticated sandals with straps worn in a lacy pattern.

By HELEN FOLLETT

WHEN fashions in dress change, milliners follow the trend, hair stylists get busy offering new ideas, shoe designers put forth new fabrics and patterns. The affinity between clothes and shoe styling is demonstrated in more curved outlines, gatherings and pleatings, glove-like fit and feminine softness. Every detail must contribute to the picture that is Woman.

In general, suit shoes have lifted their heels to meet the falling hemline. Many models are closed completely, featuring high, curved throat lines for wrapped-in-leather elegance or are adorned with high-riding buckle bows to set off the walled toes.

Style and Comfort

Style, plus walking comfort, is the aim of a one strap pump with Cuban heel and flexible leather sole. If you would have your trotters

encased in something really new you will find the spat-like type with an extremely high vamp and leather lacings on the closed up back. And colours! If you love red shoes you can find them. And who doesn't?

Styles in shoes come and go but the Grecian look seems never to be old. You will find it in casuals for all ages, in evening slippers, in dress wear for Sweet Sixteens. It is surprising how the leather-soled sandal tied to the foot with some form of upper fastening remains the same smart mode.

Light and Airy

Shoes were never so light and airy, casual and graceful, never so flattering to the trotters and to the figure. The unusual strap arrangements lend originality and variety to old favourites.

But don't be so carried away with shoe glamour that you forget to find out if the last is the right one for you. Unless your feet are at peace with themselves and you, life will be bitter. When feet hurt, one hurts all over. The erect carriage vanishes. The best frock doesn't look the same. Try on. Take your time.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

The Apple Couldn't Believe It

—He Didn't Think He'd Be Put in a Pie—

By MAX TRELL

"IT'S BAD," General Tin, the tin soldier, was remarking to Knarf and Hanid, and to everyone else in the playroom. "It's bad to be too curious. There are certain things that you have to believe without really seeing them. For instance, baking pies."

"Knarf and Hanid, and Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, and Mary-Jane the rag-doll, all asked General Tin what he meant. "Well," said General Tin, resting his musket on the floor so it wouldn't be so heavy, "I once had a friend who grew on an apple tree."

"A friend who grew on an apple tree?" Hanid exclaimed in astonishment. "And didn't he get his wish?" Hanid asked. "He did. A few days later, as mother was walking under the apple tree with a basket, the apple swung himself loose from his branch and fell down. "Mother picked him up. Then she picked a few more apples and took them all into the kitchen. And the whole pie was eaten by mother and father and the children. The poor apple with the rosy cheeks, who now knew exactly what happened when an apple pie was baked, didn't have anyone to tell it to. But the robin came to the branch just the same, and sang the same song. He wasn't at all curious about how pies were baked. He was satisfied just to look at them cooling on the window-sill. He was a very wise bird, though perhaps the apple knew a little bit more than he did."

"So," added General Tin a bit sadly, "he finally saw how an apple pie was baked. Only, as he was baked along with it, it wasn't too much fun. When he was taken out, he was all melled... and then the whole pie was eaten by mother and father and the children. The poor apple with the rosy cheeks, who now knew exactly what happened when an apple pie was baked, didn't have anyone to tell it to. But the robin came to the branch just the same, and sang the same song. He wasn't at all curious about how pies were baked. He was satisfied just to look at them cooling on the window-sill. He was a very wise bird, though perhaps the apple knew a little bit more than he did."

"But the apple couldn't believe it. 'I don't look at all like those pies. Something must happen in the oven when the pie is baked that I don't know anything about. If only I could find out what happens! If only I



The apple wanted to ask the robin a question.

could watch an apple pie being baked!"

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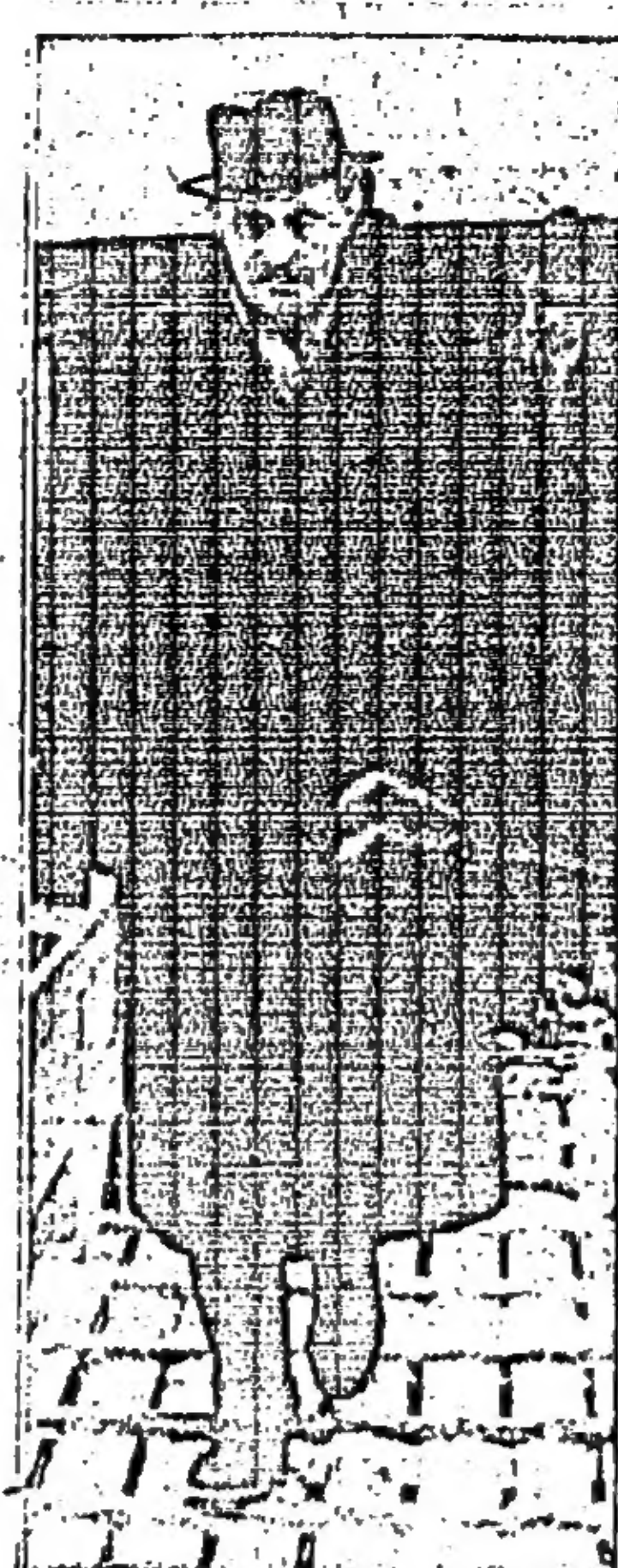
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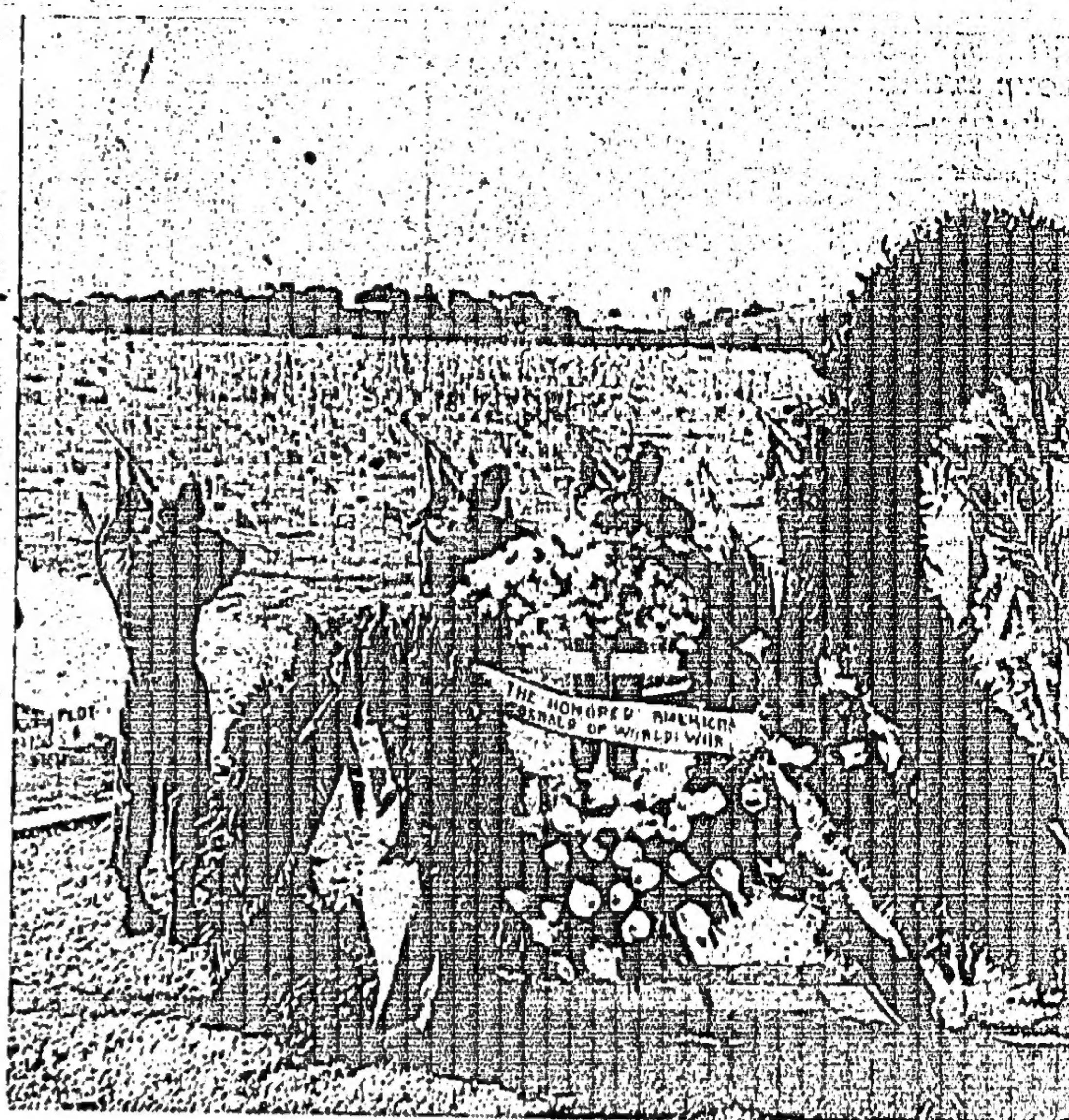
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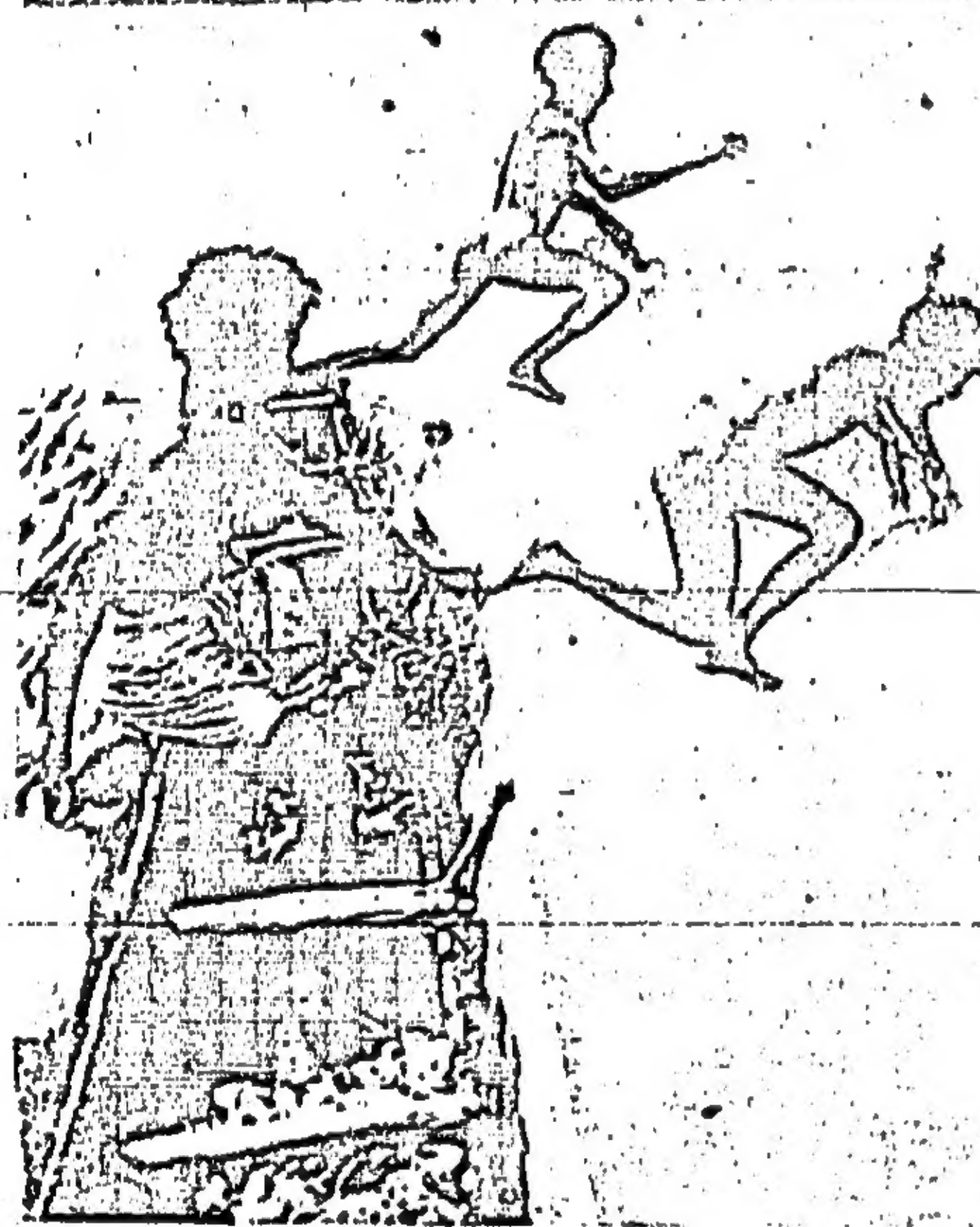
WIND-SWEPT DESOLATION—This scene of destruction is the aftermath of a tornado that roared through Fosterburg, Illinois, leaving a no-man's land behind. The car was picked up, whirled about and smashed by the wind. Trees were clipped close to the ground. Thirteen persons were killed.



FINNISH MARSHAL Gustav Mannerheim, leader of the Finnish armies against Russia in 1940, arrives in Stockholm. It was reported that he exalted himself to focus the attention of the Western nations on Finland's plight.



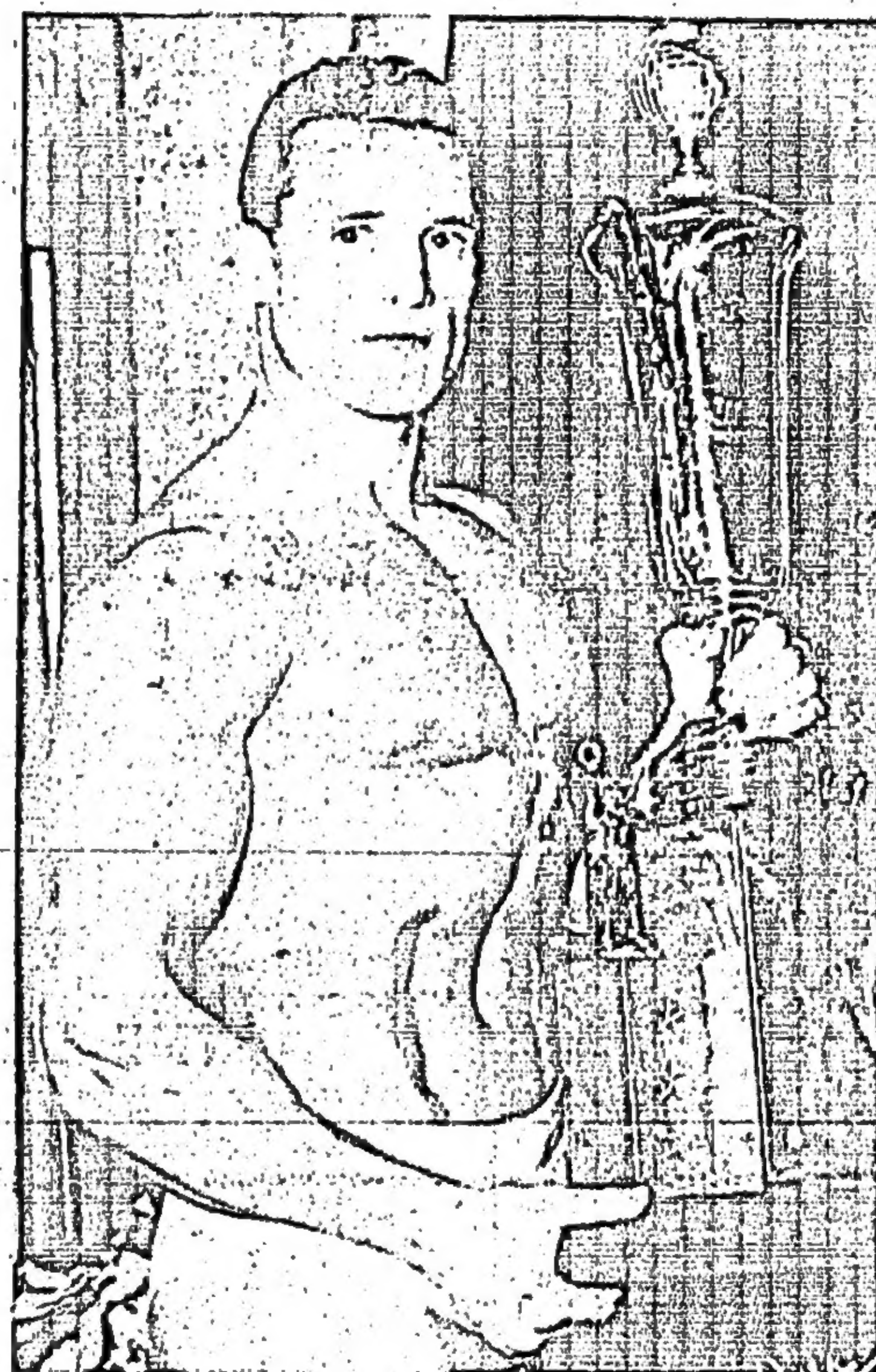
FINAL SALUTE TO ANZIO DEAD—Soldiers fire the final salute at Nettuno Military Cemetery before the task of bringing 22,000 U.S. war dead home from Italy begins. This cemetery contains the bodies of 8,000 who died in the Anzio operation.



PEARLING IN TROBRIAND—With nets to hold their catch, native divers in the Trobriand Archipelago, near New Guinea, go down for pearls. Pearls were once used there for playthings. Natives now trade them for goods through the Australian Government.



ROYAL FAN—King Gustav V of Sweden goes to a tennis tournament in Nice, where he is on vacation. An ardent tennis fan now, he was an active player until his age slowed him down.



"MR. U. S. A."—Clancey Ross of Alameda, California, bulges his mighty muscles to demonstrate how he won the title of "Mr. U. S. A." in a competition at Los Angeles. With the title went the trophy he is holding and \$1,000 in cash.



ROYAL INSPECTION—Princess Margaret, accompanied by Maj. Gen. A. P. D. Telfer-Smollett, commander of the Highland Light Infantry, inspects a guard of honour of the Regiment during ceremonies in Glasgow. The Princess accepted the Freedom of the City for herself and the Regiment.

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ANTI-RED—British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin speaks from Brussels after signing the five-nation pact to protect Western Europe against Communism. Others signing were, left to right, Paul Henri Spangk, Belgium; Georges Bidault, France; Joseph Besch, Luxembourg; and Baron Van Boetzlaer, the Netherlands.

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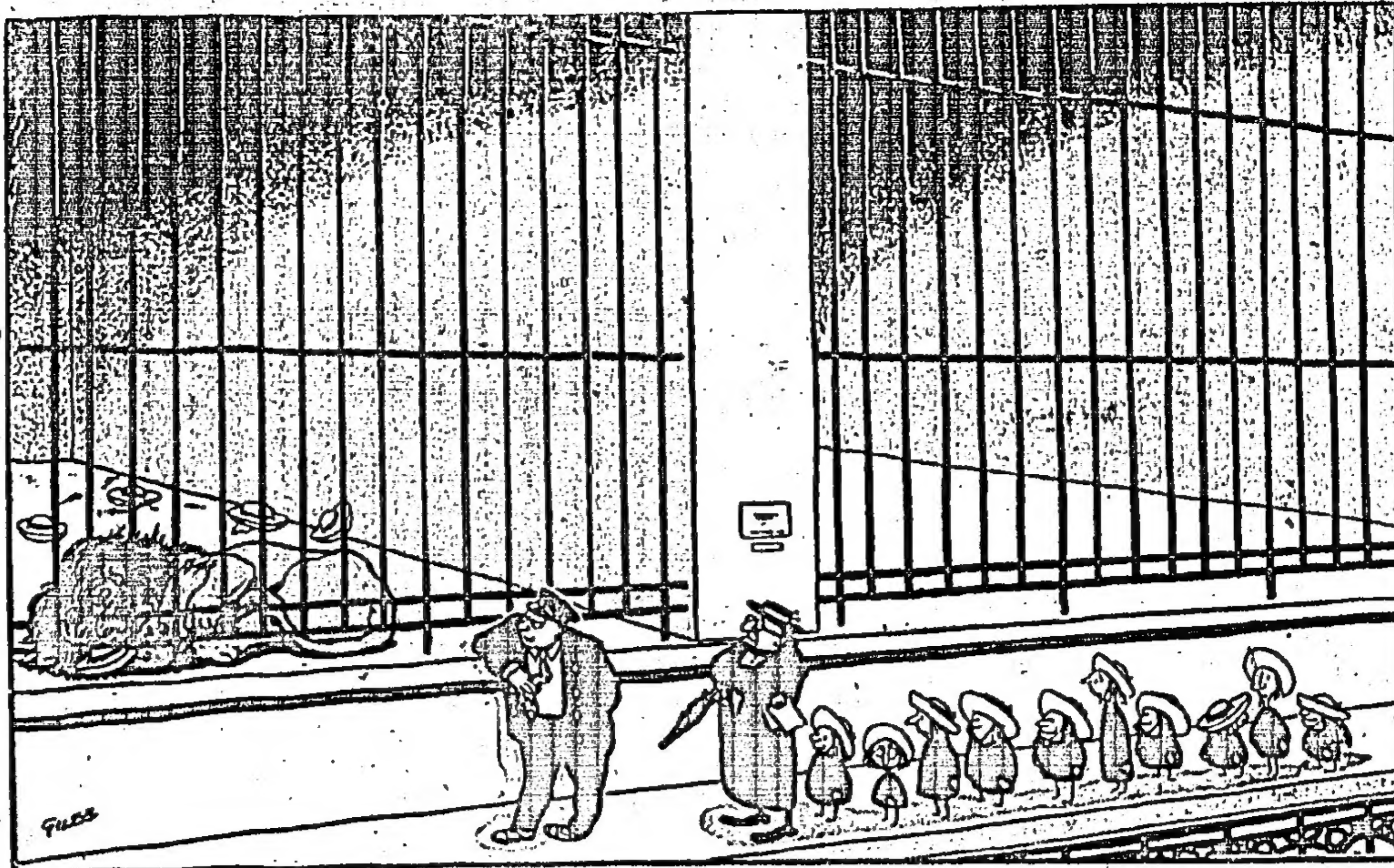
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"Leo, this lady swears that when she came to the Zoo yesterday she had fifteen little girls..."

THE plateau in the centre of the Old City of Jerusalem contains, in the Dome of the Rock, the third most sacred monument of Islam.

According to Moslem legend, el Burak, the winged horse of the Prophet, was tethered there on the night he left this earth. The wall surrounding it contains the last relic of Solomon's Temple, the Wailing Wall, which is Moslem property.

At a distance of a few hundred yards is the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where the miracle of Pentecost is reenacted each Easter Sunday.

[Until 1914, a Greek and a Russian warship always waited in Haifa harbour to collect the sacred flame, which they carried at full steam to their countries, whence it was conveyed from church to church throughout the land.]

The keys of this church have for centuries been entrusted to a Moslem because of the rivalries of the Christian sects.

These facts illustrate the unique status of Jerusalem:

A SHAMBLES?
Chance to stop it

WHATEVER views may be taken of the rights and wrongs of the Palestine problem, there can be none, Jew, Christian or Moslem, who does not view with horror the idea that Jerusalem will become a battleground and a shambles.

Now that the U.S. which by pressure on small States forced the partition decision through the United Nations Assembly, has reversed its policy, there is an opportunity for a new approach which will enable Jerusalem at least to be saved.

The United Nations decision to make Jerusalem an international and neutral zone under the Trusteeship Council apparently survives. This at least is the view of the U.S. delegate at Lake Success.

There is every reason why both Arabs and Jews should agree to a peaceful solution for Jerusalem. The Arabs are in a minority in the city as a whole. They are in an overwhelming majority in the Old City, which contains only some 2,000 Jews, mostly orthodox Jews who have been established there since before the Balfour Declaration.

But in the new suburbs built in the last 30 years, the Jewish population outnumbers the Arab. Taking the area as a whole, the Jews are about 60 percent.

MINORITY NOW
What Arabs feel

THE Arabs bitterly resent the fact that under British protection the Jews have been allowed in in such numbers that they, the indigenous inhabitants, have become a minority.

Nevertheless this fact does give them a motive for agreeing to a special regime for Jerusalem in which numbers will not be the decisive factor.

A plan to save Jerusalem

by Major-General SIR EDWARD SPEARS,
Chairman of the Committee for Arab Affairs

But if the actual population of Jerusalem has a Jewish majority, the city is surrounded by almost wholly Arab districts. Even the United Nations Committee, a body very much biased in favour of Zionism, had to allot the whole area surrounding it to the Arab State.

The Arabs are in a position to cut off Jerusalem from water, power, and light; and food could only reach it by means of heavily escorted armed convoys so long as the present situation lasts.

It would therefore be impossible for the Jews to hold Jerusalem against Arab opposition, although they might control parts of it for a short time.

Both sides, therefore, if common sense were to prevail, have strong reasons for accepting a neutral regime for Jerusalem.

I believe the Arabs would consent provided the partition plan is officially discarded.

But it should be realised that time is now so short before we give up the mandate that it is quite impossible to evolve a system for the protection of the holy places by a process of discussion at Lake Success.

By the time sub-committees have reported to committees, and the Assembly has been collected from the four corners of the earth, the British will have gone, and smoke and flame will be the only crops of the Holy Land.

The only way out is for the U.N. to appoint, as a matter of immediate urgency, a High Commissioner for the holy

places, entrusted with wide if temporary powers and considerable sums of money. He should be a strong man, and one inspiring universal respect. He must be practised in administration and used to command.

He could not be an American for the Arabs would not trust an American to be impartial. He certainly ought not to be a Russian. The terms of reference of the High Commissioner would be simple: establish peace in the holy places.

It would be his task to ensure that justice for all prevailed there; and to safeguard a spot where the thoughts of many take refuge, in the souls of millions yearn for peace.

He would therefore banish political activities from the area. He would at once, and under his own responsibility, enlist a force of volunteers consisting of neither Arabs nor Jews. He would be the sole judge as to the numbers required.

FREE HAND

As UNO trustee

HE would have an absolutely free hand for, say, a year, when he would give an account of his trusteeship to the United Nations.

Meanwhile fighting will undoubtedly take place, for a time at least, in the rest of Palestine. But the greater the desolation the more the people of the country would turn with yearning eyes to the territory where peace prevailed. The example would at least be salutary. There can be no great satisfaction in brawling on the steps of a church which is a sanctuary.

Presently, it may be hoped, a new Palestine will emerge, one allowed to evolve on democratic lines. Such a Palestine, in which a non-political Zionism, abandoning the ambition to dominate others, was allowed to develop its religious and cultural centres, and where Moslem and Christian could work and worship in peace, might one day become the ornament and pride of the Middle East.

THE BIG WORRY—70 YEARS AGO



THIS is a serio-comic war map published in 1877.

Says the reference: Russia, forgetful of the wound it received in the Crimea, is stretching forth its arms in all directions. Having seized hold of the Turk, it is eagerly pushing forward in the hope that it may overwhelm him as it has already done Poland. Hungary is only prevented from attacking Russia through being held back by Austria. The Frenchman, remembering his late defeat, is carefully examining his weapons: Germany is naturally interested and holds himself in readiness for any emergency.

Great Britain is eagerly watching, ready at any moment, at least, to prevent Russia from seizing the Turk's watch, or interference with Suez. Spain is taking a much required rest; Italy is making a toy of the Pope; and the King of Belgium is taking care of his treasure. Denmark's flag is small, but she has reason to be proud of it.

Postscript To A Harry Price Ghost Story...

By LIONEL CRANE

AMONG the records left by Harry Price, the ghost hunter, will be The Story Of The Suburban Spectre. It was one of his most sensational cases. He ended it with the word "Unsolved." He began it ten years ago in:—

FEBRUARY 1938: A sunny day in Beverstone-road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, a street of red-brick, semi-detached houses. In every house but one, women were busy polishing lino, washing, and cooking. The exception was the Villa Springfield.

When Price and I called there we found Mr Leslie Fielding, his wife Alma, their son, and their lodger, sitting white-faced in the parlour, too frightened to prepare a meal. "Our house is full of ghosts. Stay and you will see," they said. We did stay, and we did see—I give you my word for it.

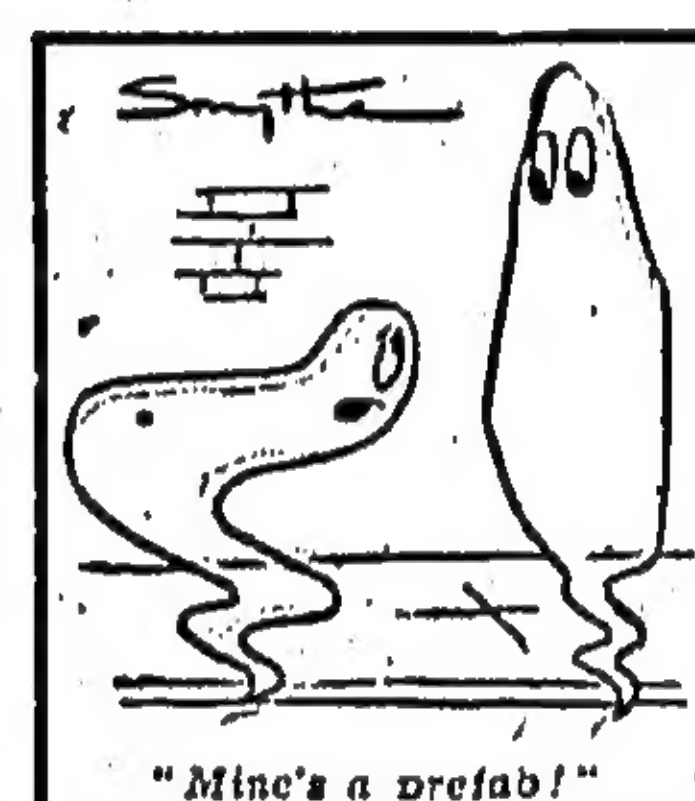
We had been in the front room only a few minutes when an egg curved through the air,

smashed against the wall, and slid stickily towards the floor. We looked everybody in one room, and searched the house from the attic downwards. A crash from the kitchen brought us running. Fragments from a broken bowl were still spinning on the floor.

Nine hours we stayed in the villa, and they were the most extraordinary hours I ever spent. I saw a vase leave the mantelpiece, go through a shut door, and when I went into the hall—it was blinz in pieces.

I saw a brush hurtle down the stairs and hit Mrs Fielding in the back. Only a second before I had been upstairs and made sure the rooms there were empty.

At teatime Mrs Fielding was sitting beside the fire on a low stool,



"Mine's a preface!"

and I sat on another stool opposite her. Suddenly a cup and saucer she held in her hand burst into fragments.

In the next minute I saw a smoking piece of coal leave the fire in the grate, go across the kitchen, and smash against the opposite wall.

The incidents happened continuously, but, as evening came on, we were startled at first by a loud crash from one of the bedrooms. We ran upstairs to find that a double wardrobe, filled with clothes, had tipped forward across Mrs Fielding's bed and smashed it.

I was standing alone in the parlour with the door shut, making a phone call. I heard a crash of glass. When I had finished Mrs Fielding came in and said: "Look! One of my best tumblers has just broken against the kitchen wall."

She undid the sideboard beside which I had been leaning, and there were the other five tumblers of the set and a ring of dust where the sixth had been standing. That was my last memory of the Villa Springfield until:—

MARCH 30: I met Mrs Fielding again. She told me she stayed in the house in Thornton Heath until 1940, when she moved to a bungalow in Devon. "The spirits moved with me," she said. "They never leave me now, but they are not mischievous any more. They do not break things, they bring me gifts instead."

"In the past year they have brought me a Chinese fan and an African jungle knife. Once, when I was ill in bed, I heard money raining down on the concrete path all round the bungalow. I looked down, and there were half-crowns and two-shilling pieces. They keep me well, they advise me. I shall never be afraid again."

P.S.: Living at the Villa Springfield now is Mrs Smith. It is a highly polished, cheerful-looking house. "Ghosts?" said Mrs Smith. "Bless your life, I've never heard of such a thing."

NANCY Developing That Droop



CHINA ESTATES PROFIT

\$47,000 More Than Previous Year

A net profit of \$230,529.36 was reported at the 21st ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of Chinese Estates held at China Building this morning with Mr Leung Kwai-tin (Chairman) presiding.

Addressing the meeting, Mr Leung said: "The net profit for the year, after providing for Reserve for Depreciation on China Buildings \$60,000.00, Directors' and Auditor's Fees and all Expenses, amounts to \$109,535.53, added to \$31,993.83 brought forward from last account, shows a total of \$230,529.36."

The net profit for the year shows an increase of \$47,135.04 over that of the previous year. This is attributable to an increase in the rent receipts of \$90,723.00, which is counterbalanced by an increase in the various items of expenditure due to high costs amounting to about \$43,500.00. As was done last year, the sum of \$60,000.00 is again provided for Reserve for Depreciation of China Buildings, as your Directors are of the opinion that, while the financial position of the Company permits, our efforts to strengthen our reserves should be continued.

During the year an interim dividend of \$4 a share, free of tax, has already been paid. Your Directors are now pleased to recommend a final dividend of \$5 a share, free of tax, making a total of \$9 a share for the whole year, as compared with \$8 a share for the previous year.

After payment of the final dividend, which absorbs \$12,500 there will be a balance of \$82,039.36 which your Directors propose, with your approval, to carry forward to the new account.

Before moving the adoption to the Report and Accounts I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Secretary and other members of the Staff for another year of work.

OTHER BUSINESS
The adoption of the report and statement of accounts was seconded by Mr Leung Ting-yuek and carried unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr T.Y. Liang and seconded by Mr Cyril Kotevali that Messrs Fung Pin-fan, Leung Ting-kai and Li Ka-ze be re-elected Directors of the Company for the ensuing year.

Mr Li Tung was re-elected auditor on the proposal of Mr Lo Mok-han, seconded by Mr Lo Kam-kwong.

Those present at the meeting included Sir Robert Kotevali, Messrs Li Yick-mui, Leung Ting-kai, Fung Pin-fan and Li Ka-ze (Directors) and Messrs Leung King-woon, Leung Ting-yuek, Cheng Yuk, Lo Kam-kwong, Lo Luk-man and Mok Han (shareholders).

Choral Group Revived

The decision to revive the Choral Group was taken at a meeting of former members held on Saturday at the home of Mr John Cheung, a former committee member of the Group.

Before the war the Choral Group played an important part in the musical life of Hongkong. Composed in the main of pupils of Prof. Gaudi, the Group gave many concerts for charity as well as for strictly cultural purposes, and also broadcast regularly over ZBW. Among its major efforts were its rendering of Puccini's oratorio, "The Resurrection of Christ," and the production of Mascagni's opera, "Cavalleria Rusticana."

The first audition and practice will be held on Wednesday, April 14, at St Mary's Church Hall, Causeway Bay, at 8.30 p.m. Former members of the Choral Group and their friends who are interested are invited to attend. When sufficient voices are assembled, it is hoped to give a concert before summer.

WANCHAI LOITERERS

A batch of 10 Chinese women were charged before Mr d'Almada at Central this morning with obstructing traffic in the Wanchai district by loitering in the streets of Hennessy Road, Johnston Road and in Southern Playground during the late hours of Saturday. All defendants were arrested by Sub-Inspector Hayward and Police party during routine patrol.

Seven of the women were bound over \$25 for 12 months, while three of them who had previous convictions were each fined \$35 or 10 days' imprisonment.

Trespasses On Military Ground

A young woman Wong Wal-chun was fined \$40 or 42 days' imprisonment by Mr d'Almada at Central this morning for trespassing on Military grounds at Murray Barracks about 1 a.m. yesterday.

Defendant said she was taken into the barracks by two sergeants. Cpl. Dore said he saw defendant trying to get out of the barracks by the main gate in Garden Road.

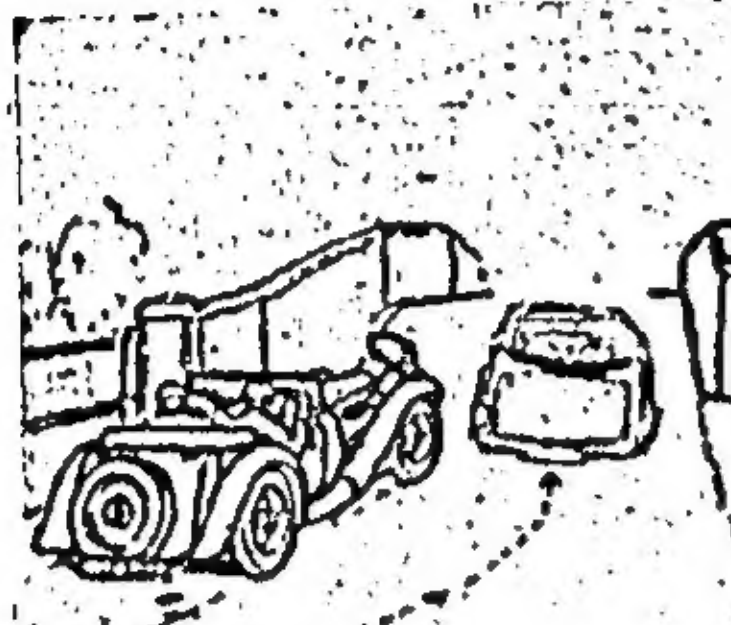
Inspector H. Moran prosecuting said defendant had two previous convictions for the same offence.

PAULA BY DENNIS WHEATLEY

Many accidents have occurred in the studio where Rita Vane, the star, is making a new film.



ROAD SENSE... (9)



Anyone who overtakes at a dangerous spot like this should not be allowed to drive. Think of the possibilities.

Third Armed Robbery In Kowloon

While police were carrying out a widespread search last night and early this morning for armed robbers who held up a Kowloon Tong bus, a third armed robbery within 24 hours was carried out in the Kowloon City district at 2.15 a.m.

Five men, one armed with a revolver, forced their way into 57 Chong Po Tung street, Ngau-chiwan, and stole clothing and \$35 in money from the inmates.

Police said that despite an all night vigilance, no arrests had yet been made in connection with the motor bus hold-up on Sunday night.

OPIUM DEN UNCOVERED

While on his way to service a notice of eviction, Inspector Rogers found that the first floor of 217, Kilong Street, was being used as an opium den on Saturday night, and arrested the keeper.

Charged before Mr Latimer at Kowloon this morning with keeping an opium den, possession of a small quantity of the drug and possession of a heroin pipe, Chan Tim was fined \$240 or two months' imprisonment on a previous conviction for a similar offence in September last.

STREET ARREST.
Arrested in Reclamation Street on Sunday when Police found his parcel containing 55 mace of prepared opium, Cheung Ming, coolie, was fined \$250 by Mr Latimer at Kowloon this morning.

Unlicensed Taxi Driver

Yue Wing, 23, latter, was fined a total of \$300 or two months' hard labour by Mr d'Almada at Central this morning for driving without the owner's permission, without a licence, and without due care and attention at O'Brien Road.

It was said that Sub-Inspector Hayward was riding on a tricycle along O'Brien Road at 3.20 a.m. on Friday last when defendant drove taxi 4833 from the opposite direction and nearly collided with the tricycle. Insp. Hayward had to jump out of the vehicle to avoid the accident. Enquiries revealed that defendant had no permission to drive the car nor had he a driving licence.

YOUTH FACES SERIOUS CHARGE

A 17-year-old unemployed Yip On was brought before Mr d'Almada at Central this morning charged with indecently assaulting a 15-year-old amah at the stairway landing of No. 18-20 Tsing Fung Street, Bay View, on April 10.

At the request of Insp. Brownrigg, accused was remanded three days for further enquiries.

"TIPSY" SOLDIER

Gunner Joseph Gordon Anders, of the 25th RA, was fined \$25 by Mr Latimer at Kowloon Court today when he admitted a charge of disorderly conduct and malicious damage. He was also ordered to pay \$15 compensation to the Red Lion Inn for the cost of a glass.

According to Inspector Orem, Anders went into the Red Lion Inn last night and became "tipsy" after some drinks, and damaged a glass. He was escorted away by the RAF Police.

James Wong Howe Finds Chinese Mind Is An Enigmatic Phenomenon

Mr James Wong Howe, Hollywood's only Chinese Oscar-winning cameraman, is all set to start shooting his first movie venture into Chinese life this coming August.

He has just returned to Hongkong from visits to Peiping, Nanking and Shanghai where he has completed the China end of arrangements for the filming of Lau Shaw's best-selling novel "Rickshaw Boy."

Mr Wong prefers the original title of the novel, "Happy Camel Boy." While in China he met most of the country's leading movie moguls and listened to much dissident opinion against "Rickshaw Boy."

"They think," Mr Wong said yesterday, "that the film would be a poor reflection on China's national dignity. I do not agree with that view. The story is a human one and its moral is human dignity."

"I do not see why a rickshaw boy should not have more dignity than anyone else. I have seen people in higher walks of life who do not have the dignity of some rickshaw-pullers. Dignity to me means a personal pride in being honest and in earning one's own bread."

"The Chinese mind is an enigmatic phenomenon that keeps arousing my curiosity. I love my own people and their way of life, but their thought patterns excite my curiosity."

HOW CAMERAMEN EAT
"For example, I cannot quite understand why they should think cameramen eat more than other people. I do see it is the function of a host to entertain but I cannot see why one should be expected to take a gourmet's pleasure in every meal. I have simple tastes in food. I like my native Chinese dishes and prefer them to shark's fins or anything in the same exotic line."

"Then they show me Hangchow Lake and ask me if it is not the most beautiful lake I have ever seen. I have seen many American lakes that to me are more beautiful. A lake, as I understand it, is just a body of water. In China it has a curved background of willow trees and peach-blossoms. In America the background scenery is American."

"To me a lake is just wet. From a cameraman's point of view, this to me is not beauty. There are many things more beautiful in China than her lakes. The beauty I have found in Peiping I am anxious to capture for some of the scenes to 'Rickshaw Boy.'"

"This beauty will serve as a background to scenes in a story. Beauty to me is dead when it does not serve as a backdrop to human life. I cannot tell you more than that for the reason that Chinese moviemakers are susceptible to ideas. They fall in their execution of them and I would hate to see a good idea spoiled."

CHINA HONOURS BISHOP OF HONGKONG

The Right Rev. R.O. Hall, Bishop of Hongkong, was presented with the Order of the Brilliant Star with Plaque by Mr T. K. Kwok on behalf of the Chinese Government in a simple ceremony at 10 Po Shan Road this morning.

Mr Kwok told Bishop Hall that a grateful government and his friends, the Chinese people, were trying to show thanks for what he had done. His work had cemented the good relationship of China and Hongkong. The Bishop was a very good example and he had taught us how to work together.

"We are very proud of you. We admire you," said Mr Kwok. The plaque was then pinned on to Bishop Hall's gown amid a series of flashes from a flash-light camera of a group of press cameramen.

After toasts had been drunk to the King and to the Chinese Republic, Mr Kwok proposed a toast to Bishop Hall—"our Bishop Hall." The presentation ceremony was attended by a distinguished gathering which included the Governor and Lady Graham, the Hon. D. M. MacDougall, the Hon. R. R. Todd, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Shouson Chow, the Hon. T. N. Chau, Mr and Mrs K. M. Barnett, Archdeacon and Mrs Li, Mr and Mrs G. N. Gowler, Mr P. N. Chung, the Rev. and Mrs George She, Dr C. J. Harth, Dr and Mrs Arthur Woo, Mr and Mrs Li Chifong, and Mr P. K. Kwok.

Police Raid West Point Brothel

On information received, Divisional Inspector McKay of Western District and party raided the first floor of No. 3 Hill Road, West Point, and found that the premises were being used as a well-organized brothel.

A 30-year-old married woman Chan Yee, who claimed to be principal tenant of the floor was charged before Mr d'Almada at Central this morning with keeping a brothel, and was remanded until tomorrow for her finger-print record to be checked.

Insp. McKay said he raided the address at 11.15 p.m. on Saturday and found that the whole of the premises were used for the purpose. There were nine cubicles in the flat and eight Chinese girls with their customers were present during the raid.

"Chinese pictures today are making great strides. 'Tears of the Yangtze' I consider an excellent effort. Its 20 reels are much longer, however, by American standards. I have a high opinion of Chinese actors too. The biggest handicap that Chinese film production works under today, I have reason to believe, is a dearth of capable directors."

THE OTHER WAY AROUND
"I have seen many examples in Chinese pictures of the actors apparently taking direction into their own hands and there is a noticeable lack of directorial restraint. Often, it improves the movie to have an actor take over from a director who doesn't know his job. As often as not, it works the other way around."

James Wong Howe is 48 years of age. He was born in Shing-near Canton and grew up in the little town of Passo, in the state of Washington, where his father worked on a railroad gang for the Union Pacific Railroad.

As a youth of sixteen and seventeen he was for two years a professional boxer in Portland, Oregon. In the flyweight class and still looks like one. He is of middle height with an earnest expression to his tanned face which occasionally lightens-up into a grin. Just two months off his 49th birthday, he has a slight streak of grey to his hair.

Asked about his early Hollywood days, Mr Wong said that the idea of going to the "village" was given him by a newspaperman friend who suggested that there were possibilities that the place would grow.

"I was one of the few people who was then willing to believe this," Mr Wong said yesterday. "I went there and did not have much trouble finding a job. The place was not popular with job-hunters because wages were low."

"I got a job for ten dollars a week and worked as assistant to Cecil B. De Mille's chief cameraman, Alvin Wyckoff. As wages went even in those days, ten dollars a week was below the aim of most people."

SOME EARLY EFFORTS
"I learned camera work watching Wyckoff and others of the early pioneer Hollywood group. The first pictures I did any camera work on were 'Male and Female,' a De Mille production, starring the late Thomas Meighan, Gloria Swanson and John Barrymore. This was an adaptation of James Barrie's 'The Admirable Crichton.'"

ON COURTESY
"The People in Peiping I found courteous and helpful and I was impressed particularly by the courtesy of their behaviour to compatriots in lower walks of life."

"I found less of this courtesy the further south I went in China and I think it is the Southern Chinese's constant state of nervous tension in an endeavour after business that dispels courtesy. I regret that this should be so."

"Courtesy to me is the spirit of China and accounts for her existence, to me little short of a miracle, after all these years of war. I would like to find a single word, just an adjective, to describe China. There must be one to fit the spirit of the country. I am still trying to find it and I think I will eventually."

On his visit to Canton, Mr Wong saw his grandmother who is 94 years of age and has never seen a movie. "I guess she has some idea of what I do for a living," Mr Wong said.

Mr Wong said he expected the picture would cost US\$500,000 to make. The financial backing was American. American distribution rights to the picture have not been contracted upon yet but two distributors, R.K.O.-Radio and United Artists, are interested. Mr Wong said. The picture will be made with both English and Chinese dialogue.

He is about to leave for the United States via Honolulu, where he will spend some time.

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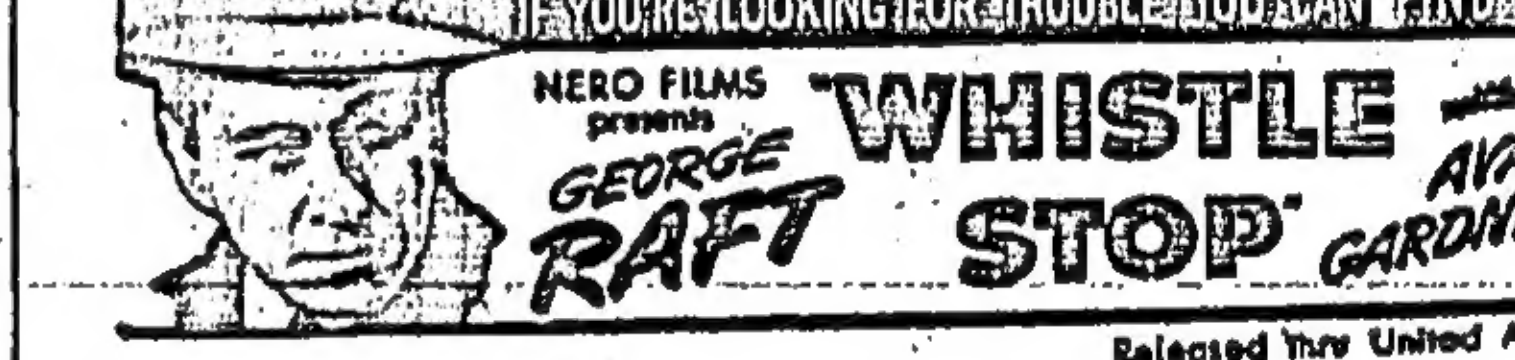
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COMMENCING TO-MORROW

Laurel & Hardy in "NOTHING BUT TROUBLE"

Found With 55 Tael Of Opium
Sentence of eight months' hard labour was imposed on Lam Sing-chi, 24, unemployed, by Mr d'Almada at Central this morning for unlawful possession of 55 taels of raw opium at the Custodian Wharf on April 11.

Revenue Officer Redman said that the opium was found concealed in a false bottom wooden suit case carried by the defendant when disembarking from the s.s. Tainan which came from Swatow.

Defendant said he was told to carry the suitcase by a friend and he did not know the contents. The opium was confiscated and defendant was recommended for banishment.

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TELEGRAPH'S Page Of SPORTS NEWS

MEMORIAL CUP FINAL By "RECORDER"

Chinese Complete Trophy Sweep

DOWN ARMY 4-1 AS TANG YEE-KIT STARS

The Chinese completed a clean sweep of Football Association trophies for the year by a handsome 4-1 win over Army in the final of the Memorial Cup match at Happy Valley yesterday.

On paper, the Chinese team was weaker than the one that beat Portugal in the International final the week before, but on the field it displayed as much class against a team that was relatively stronger.

The winning margin was no reflection on the evenness of the game. The soldiers were strong in every department and failed principally for a lack of finish to their attack.

The Chinese goalie, Tam Kwan-kon, was never caught napping and some of his saves bordered on the spectacular. It is a pity that he wasn't selected for the Chinese Olympic team and the same can be said for the centre-forward, Tang Yee-kit, who followed up his excellent display the week before by another one yesterday.

A reserve in the forward-line, Au Chi-yin, a schoolboy from Queen's College, caught the eye of the gallery and raised many a cheer. Coming in at inside-right, he showed a fine understanding of the game and was the star of many a spectacular play on the Army goal.

The Chinese won the toss and chose side, though there was no appreciable breeze.

The Army had the attack in the first few minutes of the game, the play then veering around. The Chinese left-wing, Lee Tai-fai, an Olympic selection, caught the eye in some of the early play. Then the soldiers were on the ball once more and kept up a continual attack. Army's inside-left, Marsden, came near to scoring the first goal of the match only to have Lee Tin-kee, the Chinese left-half, save the situation as the ball was about to trickle in with the goalie unsighted.

ARMY SCORE FIRST GOAL

A minute later Army made up for this near miss, when Fitch, the centre-forward, netted nicely from close range. This was in the 24th minute of the game.

Two minutes later Tang Yee-kit kicked wide on an excellent chance in front of goal, making up for this within the same minute by scoring on a high kick as Wylie, Army's goalie, rushed out to intercept. This was in the 29th minute of the game. The Chinese had a key-figure in to increase their lead within a minute of the kick-off as Tang Kwong-sum, right-wing, kicked high over the net from a corner shot. Tang was in for a considerable amount of barracking throughout the game, but he kept control of the game. There was a melee in front of goal, Lee Tai-fai passing to Au Chi-yin who headed in nicely from inside the circle.

The game was 34 minutes old and the Chinese were leading 2-1. The game continued at a fast pace, devoid of anything resembling a rough moment, being, unlike the China-Portugal affair last week, evenly distributed on both wings.

Then the Chinese were once more on the attack. Within a minute Tang Kwong-sum had twice kicked on what looked certain and the barracking started. Actually, on the second shot, it was a spectacular save by Wylie, who jumped high to hold the ball, that saved the situation.

Army had the attack then for two or three minutes and then the Chinese, who again misfired at the net as Au Chi-yin missed after some spectacular wing play with Tang Kwong-sum.

The Army defence was kicking nicely and the play stayed on the Chinese end of the field till the half-time whistle.

HALF TIME

The Chinese moved up Lee Tin-kee, the left-half, to inside-left in the second half. Tam Woon-cheung, who played a fair game in either position, being moved back to inside-right. From the kick-off, Army got control of the ball and swept through the Chinese defence. Fitch had the defence beat, it seemed, but Tam Kwan-kon was up to the occasion and saved neatly.



WE'VE GOT A FEW SPECTATORS I WOULDN'T MIND PUTTING ON THE TRANSFER LIST

Wylie, who was seldom caught napping, was on the ball. Then the Army had the attack, but the Chinese right-back, Yuen Yau-shung, proved a neat spoiler. Harrison, Army's outside-right, caught the defence napping a minute later but Tam Kwan-kon proved rock-steady.

A minute later, Tam was again hard-pressed but saved brilliantly, snatching up the ball from Kiernan's foot at six yards.

The Chinese had the attack and it was the turn of Wylie to shine. He was up to the mark and rushed out to intercept a sure-fire one from Tang Yee-kit.

The Chinese kept the ball at the Army end of the field through the next few minutes, their centre-half, Li Chun-fat, showing up some nice play as they were hot on the ball and there were some minutes of mid-field play as the half-back lines vied with each other, the centre of the main stand coming in for a good deal of bombardment.

FORWARDS SHINE

The Chinese had more of the play in the next few minutes, Tang Yee-kit and Au Chi-yin being seen in some eye-catching movements. Then Army had a go at the attack and Kiernan had a good chance at goal which Yuen Yau-shung spoiled by heading the ball to the goalie who cleared neatly.

Army kept up the attack for some minutes and Tam Kwan-kon, the Chinese custodian, put up a spectacular display.

The first goal scored in the second half of the game came in the 33rd minute and caught the whole Army defence napping. Au Chi-yin had gone off the field to be attended to for a cramp when the opportunity came.

The ball was on the left-wing with neither an attacker or defender in sight when Au rushed out from the sideline, caught up with the ball, dribbled past a solitary defender and kicked in from 15 yards to bring the house down.

In the next two minutes, Army were again on the attack, only to slow up and permit the Chinese to take over. There was again some clever play on the Chinese right-wing and Tang Kwong-sum again kicked high on a clear goal.

The last goal of the game came two minutes from the final whistle, Tang Yee-kit making no mistake on a pass from Au Chi-yin.

From the spectators' point of view, the game would rank as one of the best of the season and thrilling at some stages were one a minute. There was an absence of rough play throughout and no penalties were called.

THE TEAMS

The teams were: Chinese: Tam Kwan-kon (Eastern); Yuen Yau-shung (South China); and Leung Pak-wai (Kwong Wah); Tang Sum (K.M. Buses); Li Chun-fat (CAA) and Lee Tin-kee (K.H. Chee); Tang Kwong-sum (Kit Chee); Au Chi-yin (South China); Tang Yee-kit (K.M. Buses); Tam Kwan-kon (Kit Chee) and Lee Tai-fai (CAA).

Army: Wylie (RA); Benton (REME) and Craighead (RA); Kilcourse (Inniskillings); Johnson (Inniskillings) and Munson (HQ.F); Harrison (Glas). Kiernan (Inniskillings); Fitch (RAMC); Marsden (RA) and Bates (RA).

DAVIS CUP

RAF Champion Should Make England's Team

Other Probables

London, Apr. 11.—Howard Walton, 31-year old bespectacled Royal Air Force champion, who has never had a lawn tennis lesson in his life, is almost certain to be in Great Britain's team to play India in the first round of the European Zone Davis Cup tie which begins at Harrogate (Yorkshire) on April 22.

The team, which will be announced tomorrow, is expected to be:

Walton, Tony Mottram, Geoffrey Palsh, and either Henry Billington or Peter Hare.

Mottram and Walton will obviously figure in the singles with, of course, Mottram as the leading string, but the doubles combination is more speculative.

Palsh, an expert at this type of game, will undoubtedly be one of the pair. It is Walton gets his cap colour, it will be a tribute to a personality who, although a consistent tournament winner for two years, did not catch the eye of the selectors, and was in danger of becoming the "forgotten man" of lawn tennis.

Undoubtedly his complete unorthodoxy in style and method makes him a puzzling adversary and his victories over India's No. 1 and No. 2 players, Sumant Misra and Dilip Dose, in the Paddington Tournament has brought him to the front.

Mottram, Palsh and Billington have all had previous Davis Cup experience. The practice matches at Wimbledon today were not particularly instructive. The selectors decided at the last moment to pair

Walton with Dennis Slack, of Derbyshire, instead of Palsh, and as Walton and Slack know each other's game intimately—they have played together daily for nearly a month—it was a long drawn out affair of two-and-a-half hours, with Walton the winner by three sets, to two.

Reuter.

COLONY'S TENNIS

This Week's Matches

A full week's programme in the Colony Open Tennis Championship will be played on the Chater Road courts from Monday to Friday and some keen matches may be looked forward to though there is little clash between top talent.

Wednesday's fixtures, all to be Open Singles matches, have not yet been announced and one fourth round Open Doubles match for Thursday and two for Friday have yet to be decided upon.

On Monday's programme the main attraction will be S. A. Rumjahn v. B. T. M. Jones. Rumjahn will start favourite but there is no telling what Jones may be able to do.

The evening also promises a good game between Marsden Ma and Tsui Yun-pui and another between Szeto Bick and the Colony champion, Ip Koon-hung. Kenneth Lo meets H. D. Rumjahn and should put up a fight.

Tuesday's matches will see the Tsui Yun-pui, former Colony Champion and Chinese Davis Cup player, in action against Lee Yue-wing and another ex-champion, M. W. Lo, up against Mar Nai-kwong.

Thursday's best match should be the doubles encounter, B. Gon-salves and W. Reed v. Wong Shui-wing and Luk Ding-cheung.

The following is the week's programme:

MONDAY

B. Szeto v. K. H. Ip (Court 1, Umpire: C. W. L. Way). Marsden Ma v. Tsui Yun-pui (Court 2, Umpire: M. Pagh). Au Kam-mooh v. Choy Ting-look (Court 3, Umpire: G. W. Sewell). Kenneth Lo v. H. D. Rumjahn (Court 4, Umpire: A. D. Humphreys).

S. A. Rumjahn v. B. T. M. Jones (Court 5, Umpire: J. Kite).

TUESDAY

Patrick Poon v. R. Segalen (Court 3, Umpire: A. T. Dow). M. W. Lo v. Mar Nai-kwong (Court 4, Umpire: E. H. Allan).

Lee Yue-wing v. Tsui Wai-pui (Court 5, Umpire: E. G. Elliott).

THURSDAY

J. B. Gon-salves and W. A. Reed v. Wong Shui-wing and Luk Ding-cheung (Court 3).

Kenneth and Thomas Lo v. Choy Ping-fan and Lee Yue-wing (Court 5, Umpire: E. H. Allan).

L. Kotewall and F. Zimmern v. C. K. Lee and Y. Y. Lam (Court 4, Umpire: E. G. Elliott).

Grand Prix At Nice

Nice, Apr. 11.—England won the French Grand Prix for light motor-cycles today when Wood rode the 121.494 kilometre course for 35 minutes and four seconds.

Leon of Italy, finished second in one hour 30 minutes and 15 seconds with Bewsher of England third, 74 seconds later.—Associated Press.

RUGGER INTERNATIONAL

England Beats France In Hard-Fought Game

Marseilles, Apr. 11.—England won the Rugby League International championship for the second time when they defeated France by 25 points to 10 in a hard-fought game which was marred by a very strong wind.

England's previous success in the championship was in 1930. Helped by the wind, England built up a 14-2 lead in the first half. France seemed tired after their exertions against the wind, and England maintained their superiority in the second half. The French forward pack in game good work, but were let down by the lack of punch in the three-quarter line.

England, on the other hand, combined well and tackled strongly. The scorers for England were: Ward (Bradford Northern) two penalty goals; Dutton (Bradford Northern) two tries; Clarkson (Hunslet), Ratcliffe (Wigan) and White (Wigan) tries. Three of the tries were converted.

Barrelet, with one penalty goal and one try, scored for France.—Reuter.



Kit Chee Win League

Kit Chee won the First Division of the Football League on Saturday as the result of a rather lucky 3-1 win over Kwong Wah, two of the goals, being from penalties.

However, Sing Tao, their nearest rivals, were surprisingly beaten by Chinese Athletic, winners by the odd goal in three.

Four matches remain to be played off to complete the First Division fixtures for the season.

The league table now reads:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Kit Chee	28	22	2	4	80	44	46
Sing Tao	27	20	1	6	80	38	41
K.M. Bus	28	18	4	6	69	53	40
Chinese Ath.	28	17	5	6	69	41	39
South China	27	17	4	6	70	47	38
Eastern	27	15	4	8	62	39	34
Club	28	9	6	13	59	61	24
St Joseph's	27	10	3	14	63	87	23
Inniskillings	27	9	5	13	68	81	23
Kwong Wah	28	8	7	13	41	59	23
Police	27	7	5	15	23	54	10
RAF	27	7	3	17	61	84	17
Buffs	27	8	0	19	56	104	16
25th RA	28	4	8	16	43	79	16
Navy	28	4	5	19	41	84	13

REFEREES' MEETING

The monthly meet of Soccer Referees, arranged for last Monday evening, was unavoidably postponed at the last minute. It is announced that the final referees' meeting of the season will be held on Monday week, April 19, in the H.K. Football Association offices (by kind permission of the Association) at 8 p.m. and not at 8.30 as on previous occasions.

GOYAZ WINS PRIX JUIGNE

Paris, Apr. 11.—One of M. Marcel Boussac's classic hopes, Goyaz, by the well-known Goya, out of Phrynia, was an easy winner today of the £570 Prix Juigne, run over one mile two-and-a-half furlongs, in which the classic colts made their debut at Longchamps.

Twelve colts, all carrying nine stone two pounds, contested the race, which opened up the series of classic events for three-year olds culminating with the Grand Prix in June.

Goyaz, the favourite, ridden by Roger Poincelot, challenged at the distance and won easily by three lengths from R. Forget's Jockey, with Madame A. Deleau's Prince Hardi a further two lengths behind third.

The parimutual betting was: (Ten-franc stake) win 23 francs; places 14, 10 and 29 francs.—Reuter.

Chess Tournament

The Hague, Apr. 11.—The annual international chess tournament at Baarn, Holland, organised by the "Chess Club of Soest", is expected to be played this year between October 8 and 16.

Among the world's leading players to be invited will be Tartakower (France) Grob (Switzerland), Vidmar (Yugoslavia), Flohr (Soviet Union), O'Kelly (Belgium), Golombek, Thomas and Wood (Britain), and Stoltz (Sweden).

A challenge cup, the "Astoria Cup", may be competed for by players in the major groups and will become the property of the player who wins it three times.—Reuter.

FRRACTURED TWO RIBS

London, Apr. 11.—Frank Swift, England's international goalkeeper, who was injured in the Scotland-England match at Hampden Park, Glasgow, on Saturday, arranged to travel back to his home at Manchester this morning.

Henry Cockburn, Manchester United half-back, told a reporter "Frank is much better today."

Swift had fractured two ribs during the second half of the match but played on to the end. Later he said, "I just could not pack up and leave the old country in the car."—Associated Press.

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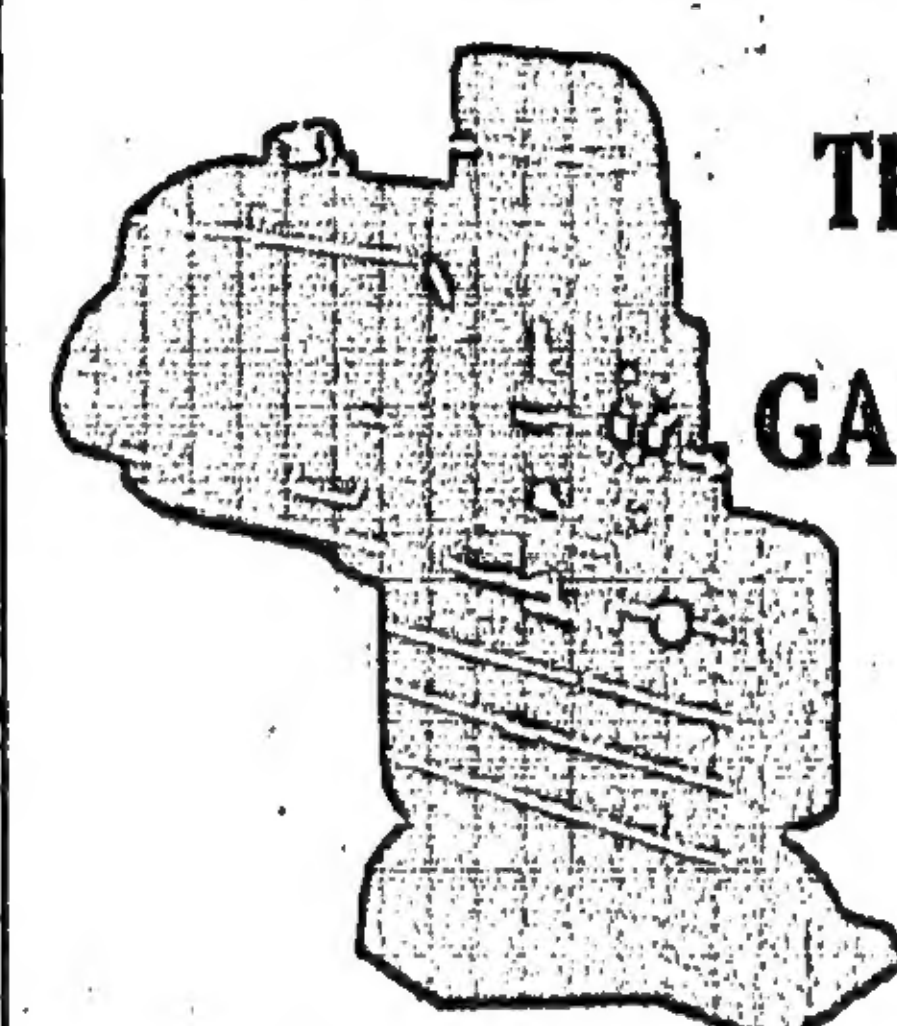
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Britain Designing Amazing New Undersea Warcraft

London, Apr. 11.—Undersea craft now taking shape on the drawing boards of Britain's naval draughtsmen will possess destructive powers such as was never contemplated in the wildest dreams of H. G. Wells and Jules Verne.

These "underwater cruisers" will be able to remain under sea for a month at a time and will have a range of several thousand miles. Their deck armaments will include rocket guns capable of terrific concentrated fire.

Britain's Board of Admiralty considers that the submarine is still as great a menace as it was in the past two wars, and that whatever economies have been made in the surface fleets, there is to be none in regard to future submarine development.

DIG SUBMARINE FLEET

"Of all the various arms of the Royal Navy, the submarine service is the only one which will not be affected by the recent Fleet reductions," an Admiralty spokesman in London told Reuters.

"In fact, it is to be maintained on a basis slightly exceeding its pre-war strength."

Some 36 submarines are to be maintained in full commission, with 29 in reserve—a total of 65. In 1939, Britain had 60 submarines in commission.

Broadly speaking, Britain's naval programme provides that the most recently completed submarines will be maintained in commission. These include nearly all the 16 fast ocean-

NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED

Notice To Shareholders

ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the same place, at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:—

"That the New Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company and of the Meeting, be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for, and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Offices of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. E. TERRY,
Manager and Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th April, 1948.

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Ordinary Annual Meeting

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Closing of Transfer Books
Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

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French Idea For Western German Government

Paris, Apr. 11.—Mr Robert Schumann, the French Premier, said last night that his Government favoured a trizonal Western German Government, but indicated that he would support a strong degree of local autonomy for the Laender (German states) in any such government.

He said: "In seeking a new organisation for Germany, one must bear in mind the existence of German lands which are distinct geographically and ethnically rather than of a unified state, which has too often bred totalitarian regimes."

Mr Schumann added that if an understanding proved impossible between the four powers, then an understanding would be reached between three powers.

"We have no taste at all for mutually antagonistic blocs, but we deem it necessary to find a solution—the least harmful possible, but at least a solution."—Reuter.

Foreign Investments In Japan

New Regulations Soon

Tokyo, Apr. 11.—New regulations governing future foreign investment in Japan will be issued by Allied headquarters in the near future, probably not later than July, it was learned by the United Press today.

Under these new regulations foreign investors will be permitted to buy into Japanese industry.

However, foreign concerns will not be allowed to make unlimited investments since both Allied officials here and the Japanese Government do not want to give "outsiders" a chance to gain control of any Japanese industry. They believe that due to Japan's present weakened economic condition it would be possible for foreign concerns to "practically buy up Japan" unless foreign investments are limited for the time being.

\$1,000,000 OFFER

The United Press learned that one American investor some time ago offered to invest \$1,000,000 in Japan but was prohibited that time for foreign investors from doing so. This investor was willing to invest his money at the army conversion rate of 50 yen to one U.S. dollar.

It is believed that the forthcoming regulations will provide a more favourable rate of exchange for foreign investors since the rate of 50 to one is not considered realistic at this time. Both Allied and Japanese officials believe the rate should be at least 300 yen to one U.S. dollar if it is to be realistic and in line with actual conditions here today, but there have been indications that it probably will be around 150 yen.

Observers believe the rate can be set at whatever point the Americans pick since the United States has indicated a desire to back up Japan's reconstruction with material aids and dollar credits.

START OF NEW ERA

The issuance of new investment regulations will mark the beginning of a new era in Japan's post-war economic picture. They undoubtedly will be followed by the gradual removal of other restrictions upon Japan's foreign and domestic trade, the opinion of informed quarters here.

Maj-Gen. Daniel Nee, Chief of the Civil Affairs Division of the United States Army, will arrive here on Monday with a group of experts to look into civil affairs matters and specifically to go into possibilities of increasing Japanese trade and commerce.

The United Press has been informed that the basic aim of the Nee mission is to work out further plans for getting Japan back on a peacetime basis even before a peace treaty is signed.—United Press.

Demonstration By Gandhi's Son

Johannesburg, Apr. 11.—Mr Manil Gandhi, son of the late Mahatma Gandhi, today demonstrated against the Land Tenure Act in South Africa by leading nine other Indians across the border from Natal to Transvaal and reporting to the police at Volksrust.

He then continued his journey to Johannesburg, although the other members of his party and five other Indians, who crossed the border from the Transvaal to Natal at the same time, were arrested.

The police did not explain why Mr Gandhi was not arrested.—Reuter.

Malayan Bandits Cleared Up

Singapore, Apr. 11.—A task force of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and the Malayan police ended today Malaya's greatest bandit drive for fifty years. The operation was officially described as a "terrific success."

The North Perak jungle headquarters of the bandits, a former military jungle training school, was burned down by the police.—Associated Press.

Minister's Operation

London, Apr. 11.—Lord Pakenham, Minister responsible for British Affairs in Germany and Austria, had an operation in hospital today, the Foreign Office announced.

He broke his Achilles tendon while playing squash on Friday.—Associated Press.

Plane In Distress

Rome, Apr. 11.—A British tourist plane, which left Milan at noon today for Paris and London, has sent out an SOS. It was reported here. Search planes have been sent out. The plane is described as a Miles M-65 four-seater aircraft.—Reuter.

BACKING FOR TRUMAN

Mid-West Democrats' Decision

Des Moines, Iowa, Apr. 11.—Directors of the 13-State Democratic Mid-West Conference today gave President Truman their "wholehearted" support for re-election and urged the Southern Democrats to do the same.

No sentiment for General Dwight Eisenhower was voiced at the meeting, as had been expected.

The conference urged the rebellious Southern Party members to "pledge themselves as we here by pledge ourselves, to accept the result and unite behind our platform and candidates for the good of our country and the Party."

The conference said the Democratic Party "has a national programme" whereas the "hopeless confusion of Republican leadership and lack of a national Republican programme is shown clearly by the contest for the Republican nomination now being staged in Nebraska."

NEBRASKA PRIMARY

As the Democratic conference was endorsing Mr Truman the campaign for popular votes in the Nebraska Republican Presidential Primary remained in high gear. Personal attacks, radio discussions and political statements on behalf of at least five of seven avowed or potential candidates will continue until election eve.

Upwards of 300,000 votes in 2,024 precincts in the State's counties were expected at the ballot boxes on Tuesday. They will name the State's popular choice for Republican Presidential nomination from a field including General MacArthur, Mr Harold Stassen, Senator Robert Taft, Governor Thomas Dewey of New York, Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Governor Earl Warren of California and the House Speaker, Representative Joseph Martin.—United Press.

Newsman Told To Leave Prague

Prague, Apr. 11.—Mr Eric Collett, using correspondence for the London Daily Telegraph in Czechoslovakia, was ordered at Prague police headquarters on Saturday to leave the country. It was learned here tonight.

The police note, which was presented to Mr Collett, says his continuation on Czechoslovakia territory might be a threat to public peace, order and the safety of the State.

The note asked him to leave in the shortest possible time—not longer than a week.

It is the first case since the February Communist coup, and the second since the war in which a foreign correspondent—in both cases a Briton—has been asked to quit Czechoslovakia.—Reuter.

NEW RUSSIAN RESTRICTIONS

(Continued from Page 1)

the Western Zone, but with Britain and the rest of the world, will become more and more difficult.

The Allied wireless installations in Berlin are not believed to be capable of dealing with the huge volume of traffic which could be diverted to them if the cables went out of action.

In any case, the Russians would easily be able to jam radio transmissions from Berlin if they were seriously interested in hampering communication with the West.

4.—Air. No overt Soviet actions to interrupt air traffic have yet been observed.

New Russian demands, however, probably based on the necessity of making air travel "safer" following the Gato catastrophe last Monday, were forecast by Allied observers here.—Reuter.

Power Co. Workers' Complaint

DISCRIMINATION ALLEGED

Shanghai, Apr. 12.—The Foreign Local Staff Association of the Shanghai Power Company charged yesterday that Shanghai's municipal authorities were enforcing "harsh and discriminatory" measures against employees of the city's foreign-owned utility companies.

The statement said that the authorities had broken the contracts held by employees of these companies. They said they considered it "unnecessary and unfair" that the municipal authorities of this city should interfere with the contracts agreed between public utility companies and their employees at the time of their employment before the war.

LIVELIHOOD IMPAIRED

Regulations imposed on such companies by the municipal authorities during the past two years have impaired the livelihood of utility employees to the extent that salary cutbacks at one time considered as fair as any in Shanghai—today can no longer cover such items as family medical expenses, insurance, clothing, etc., the statement continued.

The foreign managements of utility companies have persistently tried to negotiate with the municipal authorities on behalf of their employees, the Association asserted, but their efforts met with very little success.

The municipality has imposed wage scales favouring the lowest paid workers, at the expense of trained and capable men at the top. The association has now appealed to the foreign consulates in Shanghai.—Reuter.

British Films Too Costly

London, Apr. 11.—Mr Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, said today the cost of producing British films must come down.

He also disclosed plans for a "full dress inquiry into the distribution and exhibition side of the industry" in the near future.

"We want to see the industry developed much further with a greater volume of production and with lower costs so as to put it on an economic foundation," Mr Wilson said in a speech prepared for a meeting of the Association of Cinematograph Technicians.

"There is no case for a Treasury subsidy to the industry," he said, "but some of the extremely high fees and salaries paid can only mean a subsidy from the industry to the Treasury, which the industry can ill-afford."

Mr Wilson defended the recent agreement permitting the U.S. film industry to take out US\$17,000,000 a year of money earned by showing its films in Britain. The only alternative to this compromise, he said, would have been to close down the theatres here.—Associated Press.

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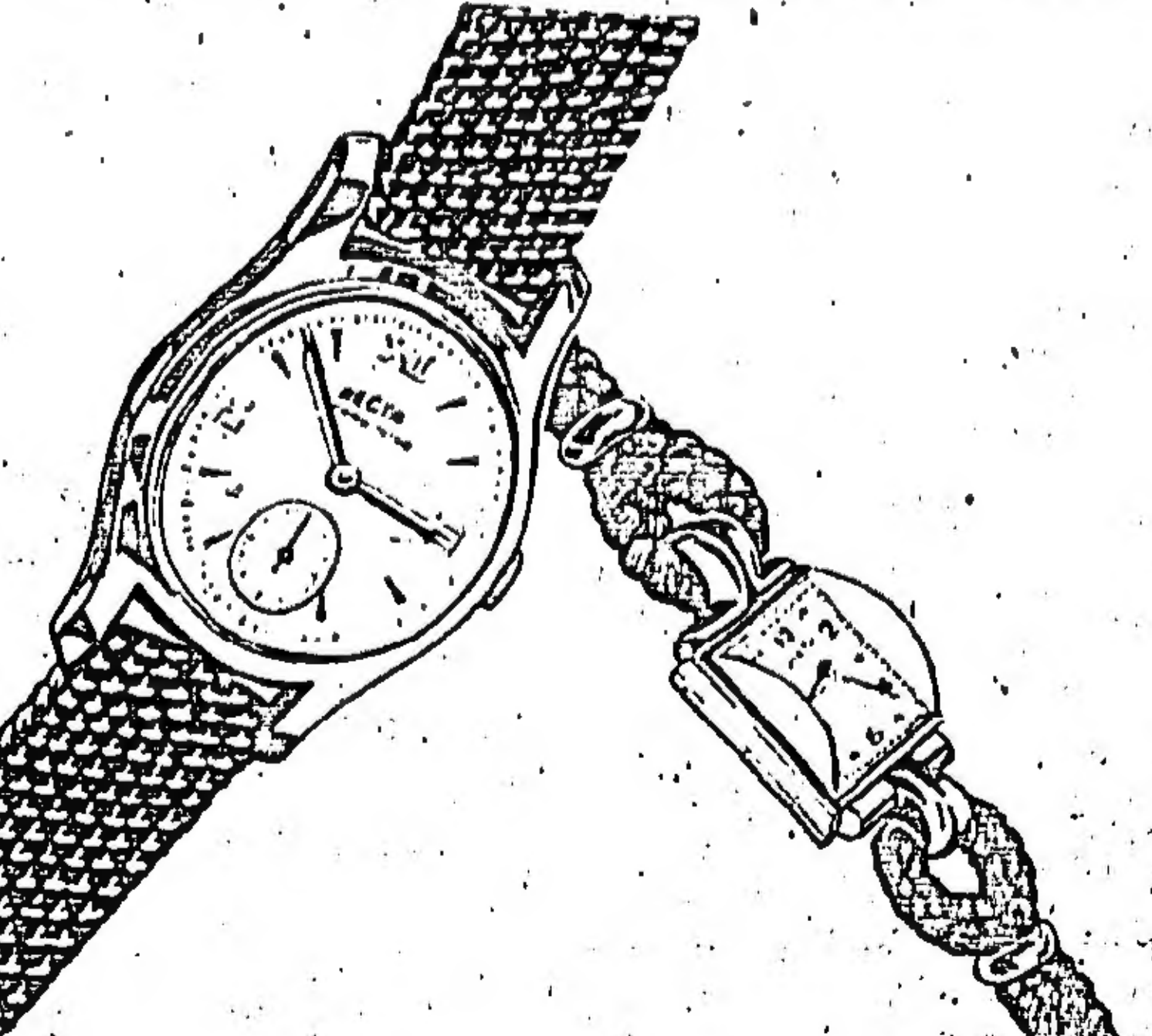
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